

**MINUTES  
of the  
GOVERNING BOARD  
of the  
SANTA CLARITA WATERSHED RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**November 20, 1997**

**I. Call to Order.**

A special meeting of the Governing Board of the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by the Chair at 7:30 p.m. at the Santa Clarita City Hall, Orchard Room, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, California.

**II. Roll Call.**

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Mr. Anton Calleia; Mr. George Carvalho; Mr. Jerome Daniel, Vice-Chair; and Mr. Rick Putnam, Chair.

The following members were absent: None. Quorum present.

Representing the staff were:

Ms. Rorie Skei, Assistant Executive Officer; and Mr. Robert Barr, Board Secretary.

**III. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of August 14, 1997.**

On motion of Mr. Calleia, duly seconded, the minutes of August 14, 1997, were approved.

**IV. Consideration of resolution requesting legislation to expand the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor to include the area previously excluded from the Corridor lying east of Highway 14, including Whitney and Elsmere Canyons.**

Public Comment:

Assemblyman Runner supported the efforts of the Authority. He also noted that BFI currently has negative feelings to extending the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor to include Elsmere Canyon and Whitney. He also extended his assistance in extending the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor. The Assemblyman noted that the next step, upon the Authority's approval, would be to work with staff on the wording of the legislation, and then to meet with BFI and Los Angeles County Sanitation to negotiate. He noted that he would appreciate the support of the Authority, the Conservancy, and the various other JPAs.

Henry Schultz, representing Sierra Club Santa Clarita Valley, spoke in support of

extending the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor. He also offered his full support, and noted that he met with the Forest Service.

Marsha McLean, representing Santa Clarita Valley Canyons Preservation Community, spoke on item IV.

Pat Salatore, as an individual, spoke on support of item IV.

Karen Pearson, representing the Sierra Club, spoke on item IV.

Bob Lathrop, representing SCOPE, spoke on item IV.

Don Mullaly, as an individual, spoke on item IV.

Laurene Weste, as an individual, spoke on item IV.

James McCarthy, representing Friends of Mentryville, spoke on Item IV.

Authority:

Ms. Skei reported that in June 1990, the Conservancy reported that extending the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor would not occur unless landfills were taken care of, including Elsmere Canyon and Whitney. Assemblyman George Runner has been interested in the viability of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor. We do not believe that the sanitation people would not object, and that there would be public support for this motion.

Mr. Carvalho inquired about the original determination of the boundary. Ms. Skei replied that public hearings had been held on the determination of the boundaries, and a consultant was brought in to help decide the parameters. If acquisition money was to be available in the future, the Conservancy or other JPA could purchase the property of Elsmere Canyon and Whitney.

Mr. Carvalho asked if the property owner had been contacted. Ms. Skei replied that the agenda had been sent out to all interested parties, and there was no negative response.

Mr. Daniel, Mr. Calleia, and Mr. Putnam extended their gratification to Assemblyman Runner for addressing this issue.

Mr. Calleia inquired whether or not Los Angeles County and City had a Joint Power Agreement which included Elsmere Canyon.

Ms. Skei reported that if there was one set up previously, it is now moribund.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Authority unanimously adopted Resolution No. 97-04.

*(The full text of this resolution is on file with the Authority.)*

**V. Public comment on any matter not on the agenda.**

There was none.

**XIII. Statements, responses, questions, or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code.**

There were none.

**XIV. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment.**

A special meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1997.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP  
Executive Officer



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RICK PUTNAM  
Chair